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SUBJECT: COURT CASE -- MERIDIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

REF: STATE 123630

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED MERIDIAN ENTERPRISES BANKRUPTCY WITH OFFICIAL IN BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (BUYSSSE). HE IN TURN PROMISED TO RAISE QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH LEGAL ADVISER IN MINISTRY AND WILL GIVE US REPLY SHORTLY. BUYSSSE NOTED THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH U.S. COURTS AS CONCERNS ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. ANTITRUST LAWS.

2. AS EMBASSY HAD INDICATED IN MAY 3 MEMORANDUM DEALING WITH MERIDIAN CASE (SENT TO DEPARTMENT EUR/NE-DJEREJIAN AND TO COMMERCE OIM/BIC-FIELD), CASE INVOLVES AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION NOT MENTIONED IN REFTEL. PRINCIPAL CREDITOR FOR MERIDIAN ENTERPRISES HERE AND (WE UNDERSTAND) ALSO IN U.S. IS UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK (UCB). BANK HAD BEEN FIRST CREDITOR TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST FIRM AND WE UNDERSTAND IT IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS IN CALIFORNIA. AMERICAN CITIZEN DIRECTOR OF UCB BRUSSELS BRANCH (CUPP) POINTED OUT THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO APPEAR TO BE TAKING SIDES IN POSSIBLE CONFLICTING INTERESTS BETWEEN TWO AMERICAN FIRMS.
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HOWEVER, WE DISCUSSED WITH BANK AND WITH LAWYERS TYPE OF APPROACH WE PLANNED TO TAKE AND REACHED FULL AGREEMENT FROM BOTH PARTIES. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT BOTH BANK AND LAWYERS HAVE BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING US NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION. OLSEN

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